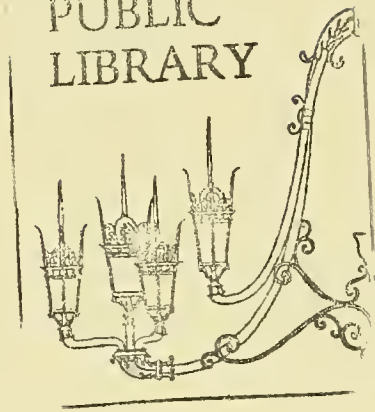


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BOSTON.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Police Commissioners,

MAY 1, 1884.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
7 PEMBERTON SQUARE, May 1, 1884.

To the Honorable the City Council: —

In accordance with the provisions of the ordinance in relation to the Police Department, the Board of Police Commissioners have the honor to submit the following report of the doings of the department for the year ending April 30, 1884: —

Number of members of the department allowed by law, exclusive of clerks employed on licenses	785
Whole number of such members on duty, May 1, 1883	779
Number of officers discharged during the year	14
Number of officers resigned during the year,	10
died	6
retired on pension	9
	39
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	740

Number of officers appointed during the year	.	.	35
Number of clerks employed on licenses	.	.	3
Number of officers promoted to the rank of Captain during the year	.	.	0
Number of officers promoted to the rank of Lieutenant during the year	.	.	9
Number of officers promoted to the rank of Sergeant during the year	.	.	13
Whole number of officers promoted during the year	.	.	—
Whole number of officers reduced in rank during the year	.	.	0

On May 1, 1884, there were 779 members of the department on duty, as follows: —

At Superintendent's Office	.	.	38
1 Superintendent of Police.			
1 Deputy Superintendent of Police.			
1 Chief Inspector.			
6 Inspectors of Police.			
1 Inspector of Intelligence Offices.			
1 Inspector of Hackney-Carriage Licenses.			
1 Inspector of Wagon Licenses.			
1 Inspector of Pawnbrokers.			
1 Inspector of Claims.			
1 Probation Officer, to attend cases in court.			
1 Lieutenant, for duty at various Police Divisions.			
1 Clerk to Superintendent.			
1 Sergeant (Property Clerk).			
1 Sergeant, to collect evidence for Medical Examiners.			
1 Sergeant on special duty, street railway service.			
1 Sergeant on messenger service.			
2 Sergeants on night service.			
1 Assistant to Inspectors of Carriage and Wagon Licenses.			
1 Assistant to Inspector of Pawnbrokers.			
1 Patrolman on special duty at Superintendent's office.			
6 Patrolmen in Inspectors' office.			
At City Hall	.	.	7
2 Lieutenants.			
5 House Watchmen.			
At City Prison	.	.	4
1 Keeper of city lock-ups.			
2 Assistant Keepers of city lock-ups.			
1 Steward of city lock-ups.			

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At School Committee rooms	1
1 House Watchman.	
At Public Library	1
1 House Watchman.	
At Probate Office	2
2 House Watchmen	
At Liquor Storehouse	1
1 House Watchman, in charge of seized liquors.	
At Commissioners' office	1
1 Patrolman on messenger service.	

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At Police Divisions, as follows:—

Number of Divisions.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Patrolmen.	Total.
1.	1	2	3	53	59
2.	1	2	3	68	73
3.	1	2	3	60	56
4.	1	2	3	74	80
5.	1	2	3	61	67
6.	1	2	3	51	57
7.	1	2	3	33	39
8.	1	3	4	25	33
9.	1	2	3	37	43
10.	1	2	3	42	48
11.	1	2	3	26	32
12.	1	2	3	31	46
13.	1	2	3	29	35
14.	1	2	3	17	23
15.	1	2	3	39	45
Commissioners' office . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	15	31	46	638	730
Officers of rank on special service at Superintendent's office and elsewhere . .					49
Total					779

Special officers appointed	34
"Department" Police Officers (in the employ of the city in different departments) appointed	3
Railroad Police Officers appointed	2

Statement of the Expenditures of the Department (exclusive of liquor licenses), during the Year ending April 30, 1884.

For pay of officers	\$835,393 28
fuel and gas for stations and City Prison,	11,911 37
water and ice for " "	1,579 02
furniture and bedding for stations and	
City Prison	2,411 69
badges, buttons, wreaths, clubs, and	
belts, etc., etc.	1,075 76
printing and stationery, postage and	
telegraphing	3,393 35
care and cleaning of stations and City	
Prison	9,025 55
repairs of stations and City Prison	2,040 95
supplies and repairs of police steamer,	3,569 53
care and repairs of police telegraph, lines	
and apparatus	1,922 50
keeping of 19 police horses, repairs of	
equipments and vehicles	8,919 00
purchase of — horses	900 00
flags and flag-staffs, ropes and stakes,	
etc., etc.	976 62
carting prisoners from stations to courts,	4,535 52
feeding prisoners	1,191 64
medical attendance on sick and injured	
persons	2,317 40
horse and carriage hire	275 38
pursuit and detection of criminals.	1,875 12
cloth for uniforms	5,096 28
pensions of retired officers	23,105 10
Total	<u>\$921,515 19</u>

Expenditures by months —

May, 1883	\$75,238 95
June, "	77,169 61
July, "	76,922 35
August, "	78,670 72
September, "	76,901 88
October, "	74,376 70
November, "	78,712 77
December, "	74,157 06
January, 1884	78,540 65
February, "	77,209 11

March,	1884	.	.	.	.	.	\$76,138 47
April,	"	.	.	.	.	.	77,476 92
Total							<u>\$921,515 19</u>

There has been earned and collected by the department during the year the sum of \$33,935.00, which has been turned into the City Treasury, and credited as follows:—

To Police Department—

For all licenses (except for sale of liquor)	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,101 60
sale of unclaimed prop- erty, old junk, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	\$356 66
extra services of officers	.	.	.	.	.	10,436 24
						<u>20,894 50</u>

To School Department—

For dog licenses issued	.	.	.	.	.	13,040 00
						<u>\$33,935 00</u>

POLICE WORK DURING THE YEAR.

The following statements show the work performed by the Police Department during the year ending April 30, 1883:—

Number of arrests on warrants	.	.	.	.	.	5,154
Number of arrests without warrants	.	.	.	.	.	26,046
Number held for trial	.	.	.	.	.	26,940
Number discharged on examination	.	.	.	.	.	4,260
Number of males	.	.	.	.	.	25,912
Number of females	.	.	.	.	.	5,288
Number of foreigners	.	.	.	.	.	15,636
Number of non-residents	.	.	.	.	.	9,050
Number of minors	.	.	.	.	.	4,402

Arrests by Police Divisions.

Division.	Males.	Females.	Total.
First	5,535	1,455	6,990
Second	1,296	139	1,435
Third	3,450	1,220	4,670
Fourth	3,708	781	4,489
Fifth	2,008	589	2,597
Sixth	1,743	313	2,056
Seventh	1,022	113	1,135

Division.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Eighth	1,201	144	1,345
Ninth	902	149	1,051
Tenth	1,286	160	1,446
Eleventh	668	36	704
Twelfth	482	70	552
Thirteenth	251	23	274
Fourteenth	373	31	404
Fifteenth	1,387	190	1,577
Supt. office (Inspectors)	407	68	475
Total	25,912	5,288	31,200

Complaints on which Arrests were made.

Abduction	1
Abortion	1
Accessory to abortion	2
Adultery	24
Arson	10
Abandoning child	1
Assault and battery	2,491
Assault, felonious	282
Assault, indecent	12
Assault on officer	23
Assuming to be an officer	2
Attempt to break and enter a building	30
Attempt to break and enter a shop	1
Attempt to obtain money by fraud	4
Attempt to commit larceny	33
Attempt to murder	3
Attempt to commit rape	3
Attempt to pick pocket	1
Attempt to rescue prisoner	13
Attempt to black-mail	1
Attempt to pass counterfeit money	1
Attempt to procure abortion	1
Attempt to rob	19
Attempt to pass worthless check	1
Bail bond	1
Bastardy	3
Being present at unlawful game	65
Breaking and entering	71
Bigamy	4
Burglary	17
Breaking jail	1
Breaking and entering a vessel	1
Black-mailing	1

Breaking into a railroad car	8
Buying junk of minors	1
Capias	4
Carrying concealed weapons	4
Common beggars	8
Common brawlers	15
Common drunkards	213
Conspiracy to defraud	2
Conveying property unlawfully	5
Contempt of court	3
Concealing	2
Concealing leased property	1
Concealing insolvent property	2
Cruelty to animals	22
Criminal libel	1
Default warrant	113
Defrauding an innholder	4
Delirium tremens	1
Deserters	43
Disorderly	659
Disturbing peace	209
Drunkenness	18,629
Disturbing public meeting	26
Embezzlement	84
Enticing to prostitution	2
Escaped convicts	5
Escaped prisoners	5
Evading payment of fare	34
Extortion	5
Extinguishing street lights	3
Exposing tainted meat for sale	1
Fast-driving	30
Forgery	34
Fornication	66
Fraud	36
Fugitive from justice	8
Gambling	21
Gaming on Lord's Day	47
Giving false alarm of fire	1
Having burglar's tools	1
House breaking	63
Idle and disorderly	224
Incendiarism	2
Indecent exposure	30
Insane	323
Incest	3
Keeping houses of ill-fame	67

Keeping gambling-house	7
Keeping noisy and disorderly houses	18
Keeping a liquor nuisance	26
Larceny	1,699
Larceny, felonious	451
Lewd and lascivious conduct	29
Mayhem	2
Malicious mischief	344
Malicious trespass	31
Maliciously stopping a train	1
Maintaining a lottery	6
Manslaughter	4
Murder	6
Mutiny	2
Night-walking	238
Neglected children	12
Peddling without a license	1
Perjury	15
Passing counterfeit money	2
Passing forged order	1
Profanity in a public place	157
Picking pockets	5
Obtaining money by fraud	25
Obstructing the public highway	3
Obstructing an officer	1
Obtaining property by fraud	19
Polygamy	1
Prize-fighting	1
Promoting a dog-fight	2
Rape	1
Receiving stolen goods	42
Refusing duty as seamen	1
Registering to vote unlawfully	1
Robbery	127
Refusing to assist an officer	4
Refusing to send minor child to school	1
Refusing to support family	34
Runaways	115
Rescuing prisoners	10
Removing baggage unlawfully	1
Selling leased goods	3
Selling mortgaged property	3
Selling obscene literature	1
Shop-breaking	275
Stealing ride	57
Stubborn children	101
Suspicion larceny	264

Suspicion of breaking and entering	28
Suspicious persons	1,186
Suspicion of robbery	13
Suspicion of murder	1
Suspicion of assault	2
Suspicion of arson	1
Suspicion of adultery	2
Suspicion of burglary	1
Suspicion of forgery	1
Suspicion of rape	2
Setting bonfire in street	2
Subornation of perjury	1
Tampering with witness	4
Tampering with fire-alarm	2
Threats	74
Truants	77
Tramps	1
Vagrancy	216
Violation city ordinance	572
Violation dog law	15
Throwing stones at a railway train	2
Altering a forged bond	1
Unlawfully acting as pilot	1
Unlawfully using a boat	2
Violation liquor law	161
Violation harbor regulations	5
Violation health law	2
Violation railroad law	20
Violation Sunday law	44
Violation U.S. revenue law	7
Violation U.S. postal law	1
Violation U.S. import law	3
Violation election law	1
Witnesses	408
Warrant of indictment	2
Total	<u><u>31,200</u></u>

Arrests Classified.

Offences against the person	22,286
Offences against property	4,357
Offences which cannot properly be classified under either of those heads	<u>4,557</u>
Total	<u><u>31,200</u></u>

Nativity of Prisoners.

United States	15,015
British Provinces	2,034
Ireland	10,925
England	1,373
France	123
Germany	393
Italy	174
Portugal	33
Sweden	271
Scotland	509
Spain	22
Norway	62
Switzerland	7
Denmark	22
Wales	15
Belgium	11
Holland	5
Russia	62
Poland	16
Greece	2
Australia	10
Arabia	1
China	50
Cuba	1
Finland	5
Hayti	1
India	2
Hungary	3
East Indies	2
West Indies	19
South America	2
Total	<u>31,200</u>

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Abandoned children cared for	40
Accidents reported	1,341
Buildings found open and secured	2,565
Cases investigated	11,947
Dangerous buildings reported	30
Dangerous chimneys	39
Dead bodies found	113
Defective cesspools reported	141

Defective drains and vaults reported . . .	208
Defective fire-alarms and clocks reported . . .	35
Defective gas-pipes reported . . .	39
Defective hydrants reported . . .	60
Defective lamps reported . . .	3,577
Defective streets and sidewalks reported . . .	11,152
Defective water-pipes reported . . .	230
Defective sewers reported . . .	2
Disturbances suppressed . . .	4,679
Extra duties done by officers . . .	16,152
Fire-alarms given . . .	435
Fires extinguished without alarm . . .	598
Intoxicated persons assisted home . . .	727
Lost children restored . . .	1,392
Rescued from drowning . . .	38
Sick and injured persons assisted . . .	1,022
Sick and injured persons assisted by ambulance . . .	575
Stray teams put up . . .	339
Street obstructions removed . . .	44,167
Water running to waste reported . . .	318
Amount of property taken from prisoners and lodgers and restored to them . . .	\$45,249 32
Amount of property reported stolen in the city . . .	\$123,026 87
Amount of property recovered, which was stolen in and out of the city . . .	\$153,684 66
Amount of fines imposed by the courts . . .	\$61,528 69
Amount of imprisonment by the same . . .	1,818 years
Number of days' attendance in court by officers . . .	22,267
Amount of witness fees earned by them . . .	\$21,846 83

Hackney-Carriage Licenses.

Whole number of licenses granted during the year,	1,095
" " transferred from one party or from one location to another . . .	24
Whole number of licenses refused . . .	4
" " cancelled . . .	22
Whole number of applications received, investi- gated, and reported upon by the Inspector having charge of this department . . .	1,099
Total amount of fees collected by him . . .	\$1,095

Estimated value of property under charge of Inspector of
'Carriages:—

14 flagstaffs	\$3,000 00	
17 flags	170 00	
1 police tent	100 00	
140 wooden stakes	70 00	
18 iron "	36 00	
13 " chains	65 00	
2 top malls	6 00	
3 sledge-hammers	6 00	
1,000 fathoms loose rope	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,553 00

Wagon Licenses.

Whole number of licenses granted during the year,	3,686
" " transferred from one party or from one location to another	29
Whole number of licenses cancelled	11

Whole number of applications received, investigated, and reported upon by the Inspector having charge of this department	3,686
Total amount of fees collected by him	\$3,686 00
Number of complaints investigated	238

Pawnbroker's, Second-hand Dealer's and Auctioneer's Licenses.

Number of licenses issued by the Police Commissioners between May 1, 1883, and May 1, 1884:—

Pawnbroker's licenses	60
Second-hand articles licenses	186
Second-hand junk licenses	268
Second-hand clothing licenses	81
Auctioneer's licenses	135

Making the total number of licenses of these classes issued during the year	730
Total number of applications received, investigated, and reported upon by the Inspector having charge of this department	732
Total amount of fees collected by him	3,213 00

Number of complaints against licensed places investigated by him	567
Amount of stolen property recovered by him	\$8,024

Intelligence Office, Billiard, and Bowling Licenses.

The number of licenses issued by the Police Commissioners between May 1, 1883, and May 1, 1884, is as follows:—

Intelligence office licenses granted	84
“ “ “ transferred	7
“ “ “ refused	0
“ “ “ cancelled	5
Billiard, pool, and sippio-table, and bowling-alley licenses granted	828
Whole number of licenses of these classes issued during the year	912
Total number of applications received, investigated, and reported upon by the Inspector having charge of this department	919
Total amount of fees collected by him	\$2,066
Amount received, 38 record books furnished by the city to Intelligence-Office licenses	\$41 60
Number of complaints against Intelligence Offices investigated by the Inspector during the year	64
Number of applications for fish-peddler's permits and grease-collector's permits reported on by Police and referred to the Board of Health	341

Statement of Issue and Expenses of Soup for the Poor, 1884.
— Time of Delivery, January 22 to March 20, inclusive, 59 days.

Gallons made	11,277
Families fed	14,663
Meals issued to families	69,706
“ “ individuals	0
Total amount expended	\$1,485 58
Balance unexpended	1,114 42
Total appropriation	<u>\$2,500 00</u>
Average cost per gallon	13.1
“ “ meal	2.7

LODGERS.

Number lodged at station-houses	3,032
Number sent from stations to Hawkins-street	
Lodge	21,132
Males	23,702
Females	462
Americans	10,132
Foreigners	14,062
Non-residents	9,050
Minors	4,402

Nativity of Lodgers.

United States	10,131
British Provinces	1,619
Ireland	7,917
England	3,105
France	79
Germany	380
Italy	11
Portugal	14
Sweden	124
Scotland	500
Spain	92
Norway	17
Switzerland	9
Africa	6
Denmark	31
Wales	10
Belgium	2
Russia	12
Poland	13
Austria	18
Bohemia	1
Mexico	8
Australia	8
West Indies	38
Holland	4
South America	1
Turkey	3
Greece	4
Hungary	8
China	1
Finland	2
Total	<hr/> 24,164

PROBATION OFFICER.

Capt. Edward H. Savage has performed the duties of Probation Officer during the year in a very satisfactory manner, and reports the work done by him as follows:—

Number of persons remaining in care January 1, 1883	213	
Number placed on probation during the year	817	
Total		1,030
Number of cases disposed of during the year	788	
“ “ remaining in care December 31, 1883	242	
Number of probation persons who ran away to escape surrender	10	
Total		940
Number of persons that have done well and been discharged by court	423	
Number of persons sent to their homes in the country	254	
Number of persons sent to sea	11	
Number of persons sent to charity homes	40	
Improved more or less		717
Number proved incorrigible and surrendered	60	
“ left the city, whereabouts unknown	10	
Lost		70
Number of times in attendance at the Superior Court	125	
Number of times in attendance at the Central Municipal Court	298	
Number of times in attendance at the outer District Courts	51	
Number of visits made to the City Prison	353	
“ “ to the homes of persons in care	865	
“ “ nt office by persons in care	1,058	
Amount of bail furnished	\$56,455	
Expenses in sending persons to their homes.	\$25 70	

DOG LICENSES.

Statement of the dog licenses issued at the several Police Stations during the year ending April 30, 1884:—

Division.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Amount received.
1.	110	25	135	\$345
2.	61	16	76	197
3.	269	49	318	783
4.	276	63	329	817
5.	425	76	501	1,230
6.	274	32	306	708
7.	289	34	303	708
8.	23	3	26	61
9.	499	69	549	1,218
10.	540	60	600	1,380
11.	703	100	803	1,906
12.	286	40	328	772
13.	504	44	548	1,228
14.	274	38	312	738
15.	337	49	386	919
Total.	4,850	608	5,518	\$13,040

HARBOR POLICE.

The following statistics show the work done by the Harbor Police during the past year. The steamer "Protector" has been constantly employed doing its own and the work of other departments, when for any reason the boats belonging to them have not been in use. The work of the Harbor Police increases from year to year as the city increases in size, and in the amount of business done within its limits. The development of the various railroad properties along the waterfront, involving a corresponding development of the shipping interest, and the constantly growing tide of summer travel to and from the various seashore resorts, require careful supervision on the part of the police to insure public safety and good order. The Harbor Police has performed its various duties most satisfactorily and with hardly a complaint against it for any cause whatever.

The special duties performed by the Harbor Police during the year, as reported by Captain Goold, are as follows:—

Value of property, consisting of float-stages, boats, rigging, etc., recovered	\$3,386 00
Number of vessels boarded, from foreign parts,	1,148
Number of vessels ordered from the channel to the proper anchorage	1,620
Number of vessels moved from channel with steamer	66
Alarms of fire attended on water-front	77
Fires extinguished on board vessels (no alarm)	3
Boats challenged	1,228
Sick and injured persons assisted	43
Cases investigated	892
Dead bodies recovered	20
Rescued from drowning	18
Vessels ordered to cock-bill yards	205
Vessels reported to City Physician	167

Number of arrivals from foreign ports during the year:—

Steamers	547
Ships	18
Barks	255
Brigs	293
Schooners	360

Number of arrivals from domestic ports, vessels of all kinds	8,130
From the British Provinces	1,127

Total foreign and domestic ports	10,730
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The following table gives the statistics of crime in this city during the past twelve years, — 1870-1882, inclusive:—

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF CRIME FOR ELEVEN YEARS, 1871-1882, INCLUSIVE.

Year.	Estimated Population.	Arrests.	Females.	Minors.	Non-residents.	Assaults.	Larcenies.	DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.		Violation City Ordinance.	House-break-ing.	Robbery.	Burglary.	Assau.	Murder.	Property Stolen.	Property Recovered.	Fines Imposed.	Years Imprisoned.
								Arrested.	Helped Home.										
1871. . . .	265,000	25,201	6,573	4,501	6,568	1,808	1,372	18,080	1,913	105	481	18	68	1	8	\$60,018	\$71,151	\$60,370	1,131
1872. . . .	285,000	27,902	6,733	6,320	6,774	2,019	1,638	16,612	1,778	173	371	40	45	5	10	63,801	70,014	66,740	1,402
1873. . . .	300,000	27,845	6,077	5,225	6,149	2,256	1,914	16,810	1,622	129	490	27	69	11	6	75,225	68,229	70,942	1,733
1874. . . .	337,000	20,796	6,050	5,081	5,422	2,612	2,007	18,090	1,234	127	540	71	64	22	10	78,435	86,150	73,556	2,136
1875. . . .	343,000	30,443	6,087	6,382	6,652	2,657	2,149	16,616	704	317	451	47	71	13	0	63,390	100,824	102,809	2,118
1876. . . .	350,000	30,041	5,819	4,417	6,118	2,357	2,250	16,007	681	322	441	107	60	23	2	67,963	67,964	153,401	2,064
1877. . . .	368,000	26,943	5,020	4,015	5,190	2,441	9,347	14,373	720	209	594	90	80	16	9	70,240	64,294	80,057	2,001
1878. . . .	375,000	23,817	5,246	4,979	4,700	2,329	7,078	13,076	887	203	431	82	48	14	7	65,072	84,303	80,960	1,829
1879. . . .	335,000	24,507	4,903	3,783	5,330	2,012	1,792	14,247	1,294	181	600	61	40	10	2	63,092	67,650	63,787	1,000
1880. . . .	342,000	27,600	6,800	4,196	7,123	2,491	1,992	17,329	1,377	147	603	32	48	10	3	88,353	79,617	57,322	1,821
1881. . . .	345,000	20,777	5,445	4,730	8,110	2,948	2,048	19,300	1,157	139	712	79	60	10	3	137,763	108,533	67,853	1,977
1882. . . .	373,000	20,677	5,503	4,538	8,945	2,537	2,121	19,400	929	178	690	72	100	3	10	125,800	128,199	63,883	1,900

INSPECTORS.

The work of this department will be found to compare favorably with that done in previous years. The Board renews its recommendation of a change in the ordinance, by which, instead of the present organization, the force of the office shall consist of one Chief Inspector and ten Inspectors.

The report of Captain Ham, Chief Inspector, for the year, is as follows:—

No. of persons arrested, principally for felonies,	414
Fugitives from justice from other States arrested and delivered to officers from those States	9
Criminals from other States arrested on Governor's requisition	7
No. of cases investigated	1,092
No. of days spent in court by Officers	911
Amount of fees earned by Officers	\$902 80
Amount of stolen property recovered	85,630 06
Amount of fines imposed by the Court	1,314 00
No. of years of imprisonment imposed by Court	201 $\frac{1}{2}$

REGULATION OF STREET-CARS.

Sergeant Boyer and his squad have, during the year, performed their duties in a highly satisfactory manner. The number of cars run in the streets have increased materially, and the duties of the officers have increased correspondingly.

STREET-RAILWAY LICENSES.

Number of street-railway licenses granted from May 1, 1883, to May 1, 1884	1,822
Number of street-railway licenses cancelled and surrendered	1,146
Number of street-railway licenses renewed	8
Total amount of fees	\$455 50
Private detective licenses granted	5
Amount of fees	\$50 00

PENSIONS.

During the year five pensioners have died, ten have been placed on the pension-list, making the total number of pensioners, including Enos Wasgatt, who receives \$3 per day,

and Samuel B. Ross, who receives \$1.50 per day, by special votes of the City Council, sixty-eight, necessitating an annual expenditure of \$26,032.50. The Board, as to pensions, have followed out the principles laid down in previous reports, and pensioned officers only in cases where there have been long and meritorious services, or where the person pensioned has been disabled by extraordinary causes out of the common line of his duty. It will be seen that the amount paid for pensions increases, and there now being no relief fund from which any of it can be drawn, it must be paid out of the general appropriation each year.

The pension-roll now stands as follows : —

PENSIONED OFFICERS.

Name.	Position.	Age.	Years of Service.	Amount of Pension.	Date of Retirement.	Remarks.
Adams, James	Patrolman, Lieut., Sergt. . .	64	34 years	\$ 43 00	Oct. 18, 1873.	Permanently incapacitated for duty.
Adams, Thomas S.	Patrolman	62	32 years	343 00	Oct. 18, 1873.	" " " "
Adams, Thomas H.	Patrolman	57	29 years	373 00	Apr. 18, 1884.	" " " "
Bean, Russell T.	Patrolman	50	14 years	115 00	Oct. 18, 1873.	Disabled while in actual performance of duty.
Benner, Lewis W.	Patrolman	54	15 years	345 00	April 7, 1883.	Permanently incapacitated for duty.
Brackett, Joseph	Patrolman	50	19 years	361 00	Dec. 13, 1881.	" " " "
Brennan, Dennis C.	Patrolman	53	17 years	343 00	Mar. 17, 1879.	" " " "
Butler, John	Patrolman	59	15 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " " "
Capeh, Moses L.	Patrolman	70	30 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " " "
Chadbourne, William	Patrolman, Lieut., Capt. . .	59	34 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " " "
Cobb, Hiram	Patrolman	59	22 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " " "
Cook, John L.	Patrolman, Sergt., Lieut. . .	64	37 years	385 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " " "
Crocker, David P.	Patrolman	65	21 years	305 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " " "
Currier, Jacob H.	Patrolman	63	21 years	345 00	May 10, 1882.	" " " "
Drake, Amos O.	Patrolman	63	17 years	305 00	Dec. 16, 1881.	" " " "
Dyow, Alfred R.	Patrolman, Sergt., Lieut. . .	60	20 years	425 00	Apr. 20, 1883.	" " " "
Dunbar, Abraham M.	Patrolman	43	13 years	305 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	Disabled while in actual performance of duty.
Farrell, John G.	Patrolman	41	11 years	305 00	Dec. 8, 1882.	Permanently incapacitated for duty.

PENSIONED OFFICERS. — *Continued.*

Name.	Position.	Age.	Years of Service.	Amount of Pension.	Date of Retirement.	Remarks.
Fitzgerald, William	Patrolman	60	15 years, 6 mos.	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	Permanently incapacitated for duty.
Fulcom, Hawley	{ Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain }	60	30 years	365 00	Apr. 29, 1882.	" " "
Gove, Jonathan S.	Patrolman	57	20 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " "
Graves, Edward Y.	Patrolman, Sergt., Lieut. .	55	24 years	425 00	Nov. 28, 1883.	" " "
Griggs, Robert D.	Patrolman	50	26 years	365 00	Dec. 9, 1882.	" " "
Hanscom, Eben	Patrolman	55	10 years	365 00	Nov. 5, 1882.	" " "
Harris Augustine, M.	Patrolman	50	16 years	365 00	Nov. 8, 1883.	" " "
Hicks, William E.	Patrolman	57	22 years	365 00	Mar. 17, 1879.	" " "
Hill, William B.	Patrolman	57	9 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1870.	Disabled while in actual performance of duty.
Howard, Salmon	Patrolman	82	21 years	365 00	April 8, 1834.	" " "
Hunkins, John H.	Patrolman	66	28 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1873.	" " "
Hunt, Warren	Patrolman	71	. . . . .	365 00	Apr. 12, 1882.	" " "
Hurley, John	Patrolman	77	52 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " "
Hutchins, Calvin	Patrolman	62	33 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1873.	" " "
Hutchins, Loring G.	Patrolman	64	16 years	365 00	Nov. 28, 1883.	" " "
Kendall, William	Patrolman	60	26 years	365 00	Nov. 5, 1882.	" " "
Lewis, Stephen L.	Patrolman and Sergt. . . .	50	19 years	365 00	Oct. 18, 1878.	" " "
Leighton, Leonard	Patrolman	63	21 years	365 00	May 8, 1882.	" " "

In the judgment of the Board Enos Wasgatt, who receives \$3.00 per day, and Samuel B. Ross, who receives \$1.50 per day, should be taken from the active list and placed on the general or special pension-roll, as, in the judgment of the City Council, may be deemed most expedient.

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

The number of licenses granted between May 1, 1883, and May 1, 1884, is as follows:—

1st class, innholders	55
1st class, victuallers	1,535
2d class, "	56
4th class, druggists	11
" grocers	310
" wholesale dealers, A	100
" " " B	27
" " " C	45
" distillers	3
5th class, dealers	403
" wholesale dealers	29
" brewers, A	6
" " B	8
" " C	2
6th class, druggists	218
Total number of licenses issued during the year	2,808
Total number of licenses issued during the year to persons to sell liquor to be drunk on the premises,	1,641

Of this number 26 have been forfeited.

Leaving the total number of places authorized, to sell liquor to be drunk on the premises	1,615
Total number of licenses issued during the year to persons to sell liquor not to be drunk on the premises	1,167

Of this number 16 have been forfeited.

Leaving the total number of places authorized to sell liquor not to be drunk on the premises	1,151
Total number of liquor licenses forfeited	42
Number of places holding two licenses	80
Number of licenses not in use, the licensees having abandoned the business	13
Number of licenses transferred during the year from one place to another	122

Total number of licenses in force May 1, 1884 .	2,801
Total number of licenses issued during the year 1883	2,808
Number of complaints against unlicensed places,	0
Number of complaints for violation of the conditions of their licenses	148
Number of hearings called on complaints against licensees	148
Number of seizures made	104
Amount of liquor seized (galls.)	1,777
Arrests for selling without license	94
Amount of fines imposed	\$5,535 00
Amount paid into City Treasury for licenses and fees for the license year 1883-84	\$305,551 00
Expenses on account of enforcement of license law (including pay-roll of police-officers specially detailed for the purpose and keeper of liquor storehouse)	\$27,127 '61
Amount paid by the City of Boston to the State of Massachusetts, as by statute provided, for the year 1883-84	\$75,592 00

It will be seen by examination that while the income from licenses has increased over the previous year \$25,738, the expenses on account of the enforcement of the license law have been reduced \$410.12; showing a net increase over the previous year, from licenses, of \$26,148.06.

The screen law has been thoroughly enforced during the past year, and the Board caused to be closed permanently all entrances to the licensed premises other than those from the public streets, when practical.

The changes in the fees for licenses can be seen by consulting the subjoined comparative table:—

For licenses of the 1st class, to sell all kinds of intoxicating liquors, to be drunk on the premises:—

	1883-4.	1884-5.
Innholders—divided into two classes,	\$300 00	\$600 00 A
Common Victuallers	125 00	350 00 B
		250 00

For licenses of the 2d class, to sell malt liquors, cider, and light wines, containing not more than fifteen per centum of alcohol, to be drunk on the premises.

Common Victuallers	\$100 00	\$125 00
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For licenses of the 4th class, to sell all kinds of liquors, not to be drunk on the premises.

	1893-4.	1894-5.
Grocers	\$100 00	\$150 00
New class		50 00 A
A. Wholesale dealers selling \$10,000 worth of liquors, or less, per annum	100 00	150 00
B. Wholesale dealers selling over \$10,000 worth and less than \$20,000 worth, per annum	175 00	250 00
C. Wholesale dealers selling over \$20,000 worth per annum	250 00	350 00
For licenses of the 4th class, to distillers	300 00	400 00
For licenses of the 5th class, to sell malt liquors, cider and light wines, containing not more than fifteen per centum of alcohol, not to be drunk on the premises.		
Retail dealers	50 00	100 00
¹ New class — bottlers		150 00
A. Brewers, whose product is any number of barrels less than 30,000 per annum	200 00	250 00
B. Brewers, over 30,000 and less than 60,000 barrels per annum	300 00	350 00
C. Brewers, upwards of 60,000 barrels per annum	400 00	450 00
For licenses of the 6th class, to druggists	1 00	1 00

Licenses cannot be transferred during the year from one person to another.

There are several changes which could be made in the "Liquor Laws," so called, which would simplify matters and render them more effective. The utterly useless routine of compelling the Mayor to sign all the licenses issued by the Board, and which it is believed was the result of an oversight in those who drew up the law and ordinance establishing the Police Commission of Boston, should be abolished, as heretofore recommended, and the licenses should be signed by those granting them.

¹ Only to be issued in conjunction with a first-class victualler license.

One of the principal difficulties with which the Board has to contend is in the mode in which licenses are granted.

The Board renew the recommendation of last year, that, the license to sell intoxicating liquors should not depend either upon an innholder or a common-victualler license, but should be independent of each, and only combined when the exigency demands such combination.

Each license should be issued on its merits. The laws regulating the sale of liquor, and the hours in which the traffic could be carried on, might then be absolutely controlled; but when combined as above, it is extremely difficult.

POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS.

During the year portions of the premises known as 6 and 7 Pemberton square, which were leased by the city, were remodelled under the supervision of the Committee on Public Buildings, and on December 15, 1883, that portion of the department occupying quarters in City Hall moved into the new head-quarters. The Board are of the opinion that the change has been beneficial to the service, as it brought the different bureaux into closer relationship, thereby greatly facilitating the work allotted to each. The Superintendent's office is open day and night. Two sergeants and two patrolmen have been detailed for night-service, and through them all branches of the department are in constant and uninterrupted communication.

STATION-HOUSES.

The several station-houses, with the exception of those in Divisions 1 and 5, are in good condition. The alterations proposed to be made in the latter will, when completed, in our judgment, furnish all the accommodation and convenience needed by the officers and men. The house used by Division 1 is very poorly ventilated, besides being, on account of defects in construction, wholly inadequate to accommodate the large number of prisoners detained therein during the year. The Board would again recommend the abandonment and sale of this house, and the erection of a new building, with modern conveniences, off the main thoroughfare, and believe that a sufficient sum could be realized from the sale to meet the expenses to be incurred.

The new station-house to be erected this year on the corner of Boylston and Hereford streets will, when completed, necessitate an increase in the Police force, as the officers now doing duty on the portions of Divisions 3, 4, 5,

and 10 which will be set apart will be required at their respective houses. The new Division will include the Back Bay Park and a portion of the extension of Commonwealth avenue, besides a large area of very valuable and thickly settled territory. The Board would respectfully recommend the utmost expedition in the erection of the building consistent with the public convenience.

FIRE-ARMS.

It is generally understood by the public that every police-officer carries a revolver while on duty. The custom has been, and is now, for the men to purchase these weapons out of their own private means. As a result of this exercise of individual taste, every variety and calibre manufactured is to be found in their possession. Should it ever become necessary to use such weapons, their inefficiency would be at once established, as the ammunition adapted to one man's revolver would be unsuited to that of his neighbor, and, as a consequence, when a piece was once emptied of its charge, it would become absolutely useless.

The Board would respectfully suggest to the Honorable City Council the propriety of furnishing the department with a uniform revolver which would remain the property of the city.

THE STEAM LAUNCH "PATROL."

By vote of the City Council the sum of \$3,000 was appropriated last year for the construction and equipment of a steam-launch, for patrol duty in the upper harbor. The Board advertised for sealed proposals in due form and received several from competent and responsible engineers and builders. On January 4, 1884, the contract was awarded to the Osborn Engine and Manufacturing Company, of East Boston, they being the lowest bidders. The contract provided that the hull and machinery should be constructed according to plans and specifications prepared under the direction of the Board, for the sum of \$2,325. Owing to delays caused by needed alterations in the plans, as the work progressed, the launch was not ready for service within the specified time, but before this report reaches the Honorable City Council she will be in commission and doing effective work along the extensive water-front, which it is the duty of the Department to carefully guard. By vote of the Board the boat has been named "The Patrol." She will be one of the best and swiftest launches of her measurement in our waters.

We again call your attention to the telephone and signal telegraph system now in use in several cities. So far as we are able to judge from personal observation, together with reports from the cities which have adopted it, we are of the opinion that, if introduced, it would be one of the most powerful aids to the department that has yet been devised.

AMBULANCES.

There are three ambulances now in active use in the department, one located in Division 4, one in Division 1, and one in Division 7, East Boston. The last-mentioned was located there in February, 1884. During the year the ambulances were called into service 575 times.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PROMOTION.

The system of competitive examinations for promotion introduced by the Board last year has produced the most satisfactory results. Thirteen patrolmen were advanced to the rank of sergeant, and nine sergeants to the rank of lieutenant, after a rigid and most impartial test of the applicants' knowledge of police duty and of the statutes and ordinances relating to the work and management of the department, and every officer so advanced has proven by his conduct in his new sphere of duty that he was deserving of the distinction conferred on him. The fact that promotions have been made fairly, and according to the merits of the competitors, has come to be generally admitted by members of the department, and has given a fresh impetus to the study and friendly rivalry in effective police work, which go far to improve and keep up the efficiency and discipline of the force.

In conclusion, the Board desire to express their satisfaction at the present condition of the force, and are of the opinion that it will compare favorably with the police department of any city in the country. During the past year the officers and men have cheerfully performed their duty, and, in our opinion, the department is entitled to the respect and confidence of the public.

THOMAS L. JENKS,
MICHAEL P. CURRAN,
Police Commissioners.

